

Update: Indian River Drive



St. Lucie County

April 2005

Volume 1, Issue 2

Indian River Drive: Phase II Revegetation Project

As of March 24, 2005 the Indian River Drive Stabilization Project (Phase I) has been completed. The next step in the stabilization of the shoreline is the Phase II Revegetation Project.

The purpose of the Phase II Revegetation Project is to further stabilize the slope along Indian River Drive using native plants. Plants that are native to Florida, once established, require little to no watering, provide shelter and food for wildlife, and will help to promote a healthier Indian River Lagoon. This Revegetation Project is completely voluntary and we encourage you to participate in this wonderful opportunity to further stabilize the lagoon bank and restore vegetation and habitat in the area.

The Phase II project is being funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Inland Navigational District, and St. Lucie County. The total budget for the project is \$5.8 million.

The plans that were presented to the public at the February 25, 2005 meeting are proceeding on schedule, except that the USDA did not approve funding for sabal palms.

However, we're not discouraged, and the County is currently looking for a funding source so that they can be included—either at this time, or in the future.

Timeline:

- Bid packages released, April 10
- Pre-bid meeting, April 20
- Bids due, May 9
- Begin construction, June 1
- Construction completed, Sept. 30

Examples of native grasses to be used in the Phase II Revegetation Project.



Seashore Dropseed

Saltmeadow
Cordgrass



Sand
Cordgrass



Examples of native shrubs and groundcovers to be used in the Phase II Revegetation Project.



Green Buttonwood



Sea Grape

Saw Palmetto

Continued on Page 2

St. Lucie County

St. Lucie County
Public Works Department
Environmental Resources
Division
2300 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

(772) 462-2526
Fax (772) 462-1684
BesseyV@stlucieco.gov



www.co.st-lucie.fl.us

Continued From Page 1

Again, we encourage you to participate in the Phase II Revegetation Project to help the Lagoon start on its way to healing and to better protect the biodiversity of the Lagoon's rich ecosystem.

Participation in this voluntary project **does** require a signed License Agreement in order for the County to plant on your property. The License agreement can be found on our web page under the Public Works Heading, Indian River Drive Phase II at www.stlucieco.gov. **It is still not too late to send in your license agreement.** We are asking that all signed license agreements be returned to the address listed above (or returned by fax) **no later than May 15.**

We hope you find this information useful. If you should have any questions please contact Vanessa Bessey, St. Lucie County Environmental Resources Division at 462-2526.

Examples of
native trees to
be used in the
Phase II
Revegetation
Project.



Gumbo Limbo



Red Mangrove

**The planting of
mangroves is
optional.**